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Subject: polrep 2 for TRI Container Site

Date: November 23, 1993
From: John Martin, OSC
To: Director, ERB and Region 6
Subject: TRI Container,
Catoosa, Rogers County, Oklahoma
POLREP: 02 INVESTIGATION }

I. BACKGROUND

Site #:	7S	CERCLIS No:	OKDO70040589J
NPL status:	non-NPL	Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS #:	206781		

II. SITUATION:

On November 6, 1993, vandals entered the TRI Container site and released the contents of a 4,000 gallon tank. Local and state officials responded to the scene and utilized a local contractor to secure the release. The site is a former drum refurbishing and manufacturing facility that was abandoned about one year ago. Remaining on-site are thousands of drums, three unlined surface impoundments, and a large building. TRI Container is located at 17400 E. Young, Catoosa, OK 74015 (latitude 36°11'10" and longitude 95°47'15"). The five acre site is located in an industrial area with some residences within a quarter mile.

On November 8, TAT visited the site to evaluate the situation. Their observations included; several drums labeled "corrosive" and "flammable", six storage tanks with oily contents, several openings in the fence, and evidence that the site is frequented by trespassers. There are approximately 8,000 drums with maybe 10% that have contents. During the week of November 15, the OSC and TAT visited the site to collect samples. Thirty samples from various areas of the site (drums, vat, soil, tanks, sediments, etc.) were taken for conducting the Haz-Catting procedures. The Haz Cat screened and characterized each sample. The results were used to determine analytical parameters. Sixteen samples were sent for laboratory analysis. The lab analysis indicated that there are RCRA corrosive materials and flammable liquids stored together in a room of the large building. Outside materials sampled showed only the vat liquid (pH 1.9) to be a RCRA characteristic waste.

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III. ACTIONS TAKEN:

On January 20, 1994, the OSC and TAT met with the property owner (Tabb Webb III), a real estate broker (Sam Frevert), and potential buyers of the site (Frank Gigliotti & Carl Martin) to discuss the pending removal action. The potential buyers are interested in conducting the necessary actions to mitigate the immediate threats posed at the site. They are planning to open a business at the site but are concerned about how to proceed (if possible) to gain ownership of the abandoned facility and what liabilities that they must assume. The property owner has not yet filed for bankruptcy, therefore a removal action may be conducted under an A.O.C. if all other interested parties (the bank & other creditors) could be figured into a solution. If not, the property will most probably be cleaned-up with Superfund monies, the property's building will become more inoperable (decay) over time, and the facility will become more difficult to sale.

IV. FUTURE PLANS:

As this was an initial meeting to discuss the pending EPA removal action, all parties will proceed to work out a solution where the PRP organizes a cleaned-up and the site could remain a place of operation. The OSC will proceed with an Action Memo, an A.O.C., and coordinate a removal action to mitigate the threat posed at the site.

TAT: Rick Neeley PM
Status: Pending